

Denise Carter

Board Member

Colusa County Board of Supervisors



Professional Experience

Denise Carter was appointed to the Colusa County Board of Supervisors in November 2008 by Governor Schwarzenegger and was re-elected in June 2010.

Background

Denise, a native Californian, grew up in Southern California. After graduating from UCLA with a B.S. in Engineering and an emphasis in structural engineering, she went to work for Texaco Inc. at their Wilmington refinery. She progressed through the engineering ranks and then was given the opportunity to cross train in supply, distribution, and marketing. The opportunity rose to farm a piece of her husband's family ranch in Colusa. Denise, her husband, and their two small children moved to Colusa County in 1993 and founded Benden Farms.

Denise is co-owner of Benden Farms with her husband, Ben Carter. Benden Farms is a diversified farming operation along the Sacramento River, north of Colusa. The business farms approximately 3,000 acres of organic rice, organic dry beans, wheat, vegetable seed, prunes, and walnuts. Her responsibilities include general management and marketing.

Education

Denise has been involved with both the Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program Board of Directors and California Certified Organic Farmers North Valley Chapter President. She is involved with the St. Stephens Episcopal Church after-school program and the Colusa County Garden Club, and has been the second vice president of the Colusa County Farm Bureau, a 4-H leader and active school volunteer.

Committee, Commission, Board & District Voting Member Assignments

Airport Advisory Committee
Colusa City Council Liaison
Colusa County Community Advocates for Parents and Children (Colusa CAPC)
Colusa County Partnership / Colusa One Stop Governing Board
Community Action Partnership
Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
Sacramento Valley Basin Wide Air Pollution Control Council
Resource Conservation District
Sierra Sacramento EMS - Alternate